

# Curriculum vitae

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

### Inga REINE

General Court of the European Union L - 2925 Luxembourg

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Current position

Since June 2016 **Judge of the General Court of the European Union**

Court of Justice of the European Union

[www.curia.europa.eu](http://www.curia.europa.eu)

- Adjudicating cases submitted to the General Court of the European Union.
- Member of the Court's Reflection Group on Institutional Issues.

Type of business or sector: judicial function

### Previous posts held

November 2015 – June 2016

**Counsellor, (legal, institutional, horizontal issues, relations with the European Parliament)**

July 2012 – November 2015

### Head of Institutional Affairs Section

Permanent Representation of Latvia to the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

[www.mfa.gov.lv](http://www.mfa.gov.lv)

- Member of General Affairs Working Party (GAG), member of Fundamental Rights, Citizenship and Free Movement of Persons Working Party (FREMP), member of informal legal advisors working group, member of Human Rights Working Party (COHOM), member of Antici+1 group in charge of the new inter-institutional agreement on Better Regulation (covers legislative planning, impact assessments, delegated and implementing acts, etc).
- Provided legal advice on horizontal legal and institutional issues to the delegation and the capital concerning:
  - procedural issues (e.g., voting rules, declarations, procedural avenues, etc),
  - horizontal legal issues (e.g., division of competences; subsidiarity and proportionality; external representation of the EU, including legal basis and modalities for the representation at the international level; negotiation and conclusion by the EU of international treaties and of soft law; interaction between European and international law, delegated and implementing acts),
  - specific legal issues of institutional or national importance (e.g., Rule of Law Mechanism, special arrangement for the United Kingdom, European political parties and foundations, European Electoral Law, composition of the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of Regions, media services regulation).
- Responsible for relations with the European Parliament. Main focus on Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO), Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) and Legal Affairs Committee (JURI). Responsible for establishing and maintaining contacts with political groups.
- During the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union – Chair of GAG, OMNIBUS (revision of pre-Lisbon delegation given to the European Commission) and Chair of informal legal advisors working group.
- During the Presidency – in charge of more than 50 events (interventions at the EP Plenary Sessions, at Committee meetings, and at political group events). Responsible for establishing and maintaining contacts with political groups, as well as counterparts in the Commission and EEAS with the view to the Presidency's participation in the EP plenary debates.
- Head of team.

Type of business or sector: inter-governmental, legal, policy-making, diplomacy

May 2003 – May 2012 **Representative of the Government of Latvia before International Human Rights Organizations**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

<http://www.mfa.gov.lv/ministrija/latvijas-parstavis-starptautiskajas-cilvektiesibu-institucijas>

- Represented the Government of Latvia before the European Court of Human Rights and before the UN bodies during individual communication procedures, including the preparation of the defense and the follow-up of the execution of judgments and decisions.
- Represented the Government in intergovernmental working groups and committees of the Council of Europe and the European Union.
- Coordinated the preparation of state reports on ICCPR, ICESCR, UNCAT, ICERD, CEDAW, UN CRC and Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, including their presentation to the treaty-monitoring bodies and the follow-up to the recommendations received.
- Advised the Government and the Parliament on human rights issues.
- Head of office.

Type of business or sector: inter-governmental, legal, policy-making, diplomacy

May 2002 – April 2003

**Institution Building Project Officer**

Office in Montenegro, OSCE Mission to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

[www.osce.org](http://www.osce.org)

- Assisted Montenegrin authorities in establishing an Ombudsperson-type institution, a prison reform, a trial monitoring and a capacity building of public prosecutors.
- Worked on identifying other possible projects in the area of institution building.
- Assisted the revision of national legislation, organizing and conducting discussions and trainings of target groups, as well as designing and managing projects in cooperation with the government of Montenegro and other international and local organizations.
- Head of team.

Type of business or sector: international, legal, policy-making, diplomacy, project management

February 2001 – May 2002

**International Program Coordinator**

Kosovo Law Centre, OSCE Mission in Kosovo

[www.osce.org](http://www.osce.org)

- Planned, designed, coordinated implemented and evaluated KLC legal projects (Continuous Legal Education, Street Law, Compilations of the Applicable Law, etc.).
- Co-editor in chief of the Kosovo Legal Studies (law journal).
- Coordinated KLC activities with other agencies active in the field of legal education/ awareness raising.
- Participated in designing a strategic activities plan.
- Delivered legal training.
- Deputy Head of team.

Type of business or sector: international, legal, policy-making, diplomacy, project management

October 1999 – January 2001

**Ombudsperson adviser, and later – Senior Ombudsperson adviser**

OSCE Mission in Kosovo

[www.osce.org](http://www.osce.org)

- Participated in the drafting of the UNMIK Regulation on the Ombudsperson Institution (OI).
- Responsible for coordinating necessary administrative and practical arrangements to establish the OI.
- Developed OI's Structure in cooperation with the Ombudsperson.
- Co-drafted the OI Rules of Procedure and internal staff rules, staff recruitment policy and determined training needs of the OI staff.
- Delivered training on the OI-related issues to different target groups.
- Developed public awareness campaign in cooperation with other partners.
- While Senior Ombudsperson Adviser – Deputy Head of team.

Type of business or sector: international, legal, policy-making, diplomacy, project management

September 1998 – August 1999

**Lawyer, Analysis and Information Department**

Latvian National Human Rights Office

- Prepared reports on compatibility of national legislation with the Constitution (Satversme) and international standards.
- Prepared and submitted cases to the Constitutional Court.
- Represented the Office in its advisory seat in the Human Rights and Public Affairs Commission of the Parliament, as well as in other Parliamentary Commissions.
- Advised governmental and non-governmental bodies on human rights issues.
- Investigated complaints and prepared reports about alleged violations of human rights involving legislative or policy problems.
- Trained various target groups on human rights and on the role of the Office.
- Participated in legislative working groups.

Type of business or sector: Ombudsperson-type institution, legal, policy-making

October 1995 – September 1998 **Lawyer, Complaints Department**

Latvian National Human Rights Office

- Investigated complaints and prepared reports about alleged violations of human rights.
- Provided legal advice to potential applicants.
- Participated in training various target groups on human rights and on the role of the Office.
- Liaised with other agencies active in the human rights field.
- Participated in legislative working groups.

Type of business or sector: Ombudsperson-type institution, legal, policy-making

September 1994 – September 1995 **Junior Investigator, Group of Economic Crimes**

Investigation Department, Latvian Ministry of Interior

- Assisted investigators in cases of alleged intentional bankruptcy or financial fraud (interviewing witnesses, preparing the documents, drafting reports etc.).

Type of business or sector: government, legal

#### **Additional positions held**

2003 – 2012 **Member of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights (Member of the CDDH Bureau (2007-2010), Vice-President of DH-GDR (2012-2013) and member of several CDDH and its subcommittees' drafting groups)**

The CDDH's principal role, under the auspices of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers, is to set up standards commonly accepted by the 47 member states with the aim of developing and promoting human rights in Europe and improving the effectiveness of the control mechanism established by the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

- Standard-setting (amendments and additional protocols to the ECHR, soft law).
- Policy-making, by identifying necessary action by CoE Member States and other actors to improve awareness of the ECHR and its implementation at the national level.
- Defining the mid-term and long-term future of the ECHR and the Court.
- Forum for exchanging practical experience.
- Represented CDDH in other intergovernmental committees: CAHAR-PE (drafting guidelines for the expulsion of aliens); T-PD (revision of 108 Convention on data protection) and CAHVIO (drafting the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence).

Type of business or sector: intergovernmental legal expert committee

2013 **Chair of the GDR-D (CDDH drafting group on the reform of the Court)**

<http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/cddh/>

- The drafting group was tasked to prepare a CDDH report containing conclusions and possible proposals for action on ways to resolve the large numbers of applications arising from systemic issues identified by the Court.

[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/cddh/CDDH-DOCUMENTS/CDDH\(2013\)R78\\_Addendum%20III\\_EN.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/cddh/CDDH-DOCUMENTS/CDDH(2013)R78_Addendum%20III_EN.pdf)

Type of business or sector: intergovernmental legal expert committee

2010 – 2011 **Member of DH-EU (informal group of experts drafting legal instruments for the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights)**

- Drafting a set of legal instruments for the accession by the EU to the ECHR.

Type of business or sector: international legal expert group

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2013 – 2014

### Professional training

certificates

Various seminars/training courses organized by the Council, the European Parliament and EIPA related to the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

- Council's Rules of Procedure, procedures governing EU legislative cycle and negotiating skills.

October 2013 – February 2014  
(temporary absence from the  
Permanent Representation)

National trainee at the Commission (NEPT), European Commission, DG Justice

Internship/Certificate

- Member of a team working on establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office. My main task was to provide analytical support to the team, by researching and analysing Member States', European and international jurisprudence and practice with the view to setting the scope of the EPPO and the procedures applicable to the EPPO.

October 1997 – October 1998

European Masters in Human Rights and Democratization

Level 7

An inter-University program, University of Padua, Italy

- International law, international human rights law.

January 1996 – February 1996

Introduction to international human rights law, practice and philosophy, Danish Centre for Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark

Certificate

Professional training

- International law, international human rights law.

December 1995 – March 1996

Commissioner on Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Including the Rights of Persons Belonging to Minorities

Internship

Amagertorv 14/2, P.O. Box 1165, DK-1010 Copenhagen K, Denmark

- Prepared draft replies to individual complaints and situation reports.

September 1992 – June 1996

Bachelor in Law

Level 6

University of Latvia

- Law (legal theory, Roman law, constitutional law, civil law and procedure, criminal law and procedure, administrative law and procedure, international law, etc.).

## JOB-RELATED SKILLS

### Language proficiency

Mother tongue(s)

Latvian, Russian

Other language(s)

	COMPREHENSION		ORAL SKILLS		WRITTEN SKILLS
	Aural	Reading	Conversational skills	Oral fluency	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
German	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Ukrainian	B1	B1	-	-	-

Indicate your proficiency on an ascending scale from A1 to C2  
(Common European Framework of Reference for Languages):

elementary user A1  
elementary user A2  
independent user B1  
independent user B2  
experienced user C1  
experienced user C2

## Ability to perform judicial duties

Ability to analyse and solve legal issues

- I have good knowledge of a wide range of legal issues, supplemented by more than 20 years of professional legal experience, including courtroom and legislative drafting experience.
- I am careful and attentive to the facts.
- I have good logical thinking and legal instinct.
- I have good ability to identify the core of the issue.
- I am good at using multiple sources of information, while being able to distinguish facts from opinions.
- I always try to formulate an opinion of my own, which I am open to change at the end.
- I have good lateral thinking that enables me to find innovative solutions.
- I have good reasoning and negotiation skills.
- I have been complimented a number of times for my clear and concise writing.
- I am always attentive to the deadlines.

Ability to work as part of a team in an international environment

- I have extensive experience working in international and multi-cultural teams, which I have always enjoyed.
- I have good cultural sensitivity and communication skills.
- I easily adapt to a new environment.
- I am used to making decisions in ambiguous and uncertain situations.
- I am passionate for new experience.
- I am curious and open-minded.
- I speak several languages and I am willing to learn more.
- I am good at establishing relationships and building trust.

Ability to manage a team

- I have more than 15 years of experience in team management.
- I strongly abide by core principles of ethics.
- I have a strong sense of integrity.
- I have a vision of things, while at the same time a flexibility to adjust to the circumstances.
- I am known for having good coaching skills, and at the same time being open and willing to learn from the members of my team.
- I am good at dividing tasks and achieving good results, including prioritizing, multi-tasking and managing situations with conflicting deadlines.
- I am good at bringing out the best out of my team members.

IT skills

- Word-processing software.
- I am also well familiar with various legal databases (CJEU, ECHR, ICJ, etc.).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Active membership of learned societies

2024 - Founding Member of the Association of European Competition Law Judges

2023 - Member of the European Law Association of Latvia

2024 - Visiting lecturer Economic and Culture School

2020 - Lecturer of the Summer School on International and European Law, Rīga Graduate School of Law

2019 - Member of *Societas Iuris Publici Europaei* (SIPE)

2018 - Member of the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration

2020 - 2024 Visiting lecturer Rīga Graduate School of Law

2020-2024 Visiting lecturer Latvian Judicial Training Center

Guest editor-in-chief and co-author of the special edition of the *Jurista Vārds* dedicated to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the General Court of the European Union 22 December 2020 NR. 51/52 (1161/1162)

*Latvia's Constitution Commentaries, Chapter VIII, Fundamental Rights* (in Latvian), co-author, ISBN 978-9984-840-19-2 December 2011.

*Evolution of protection of fundamental rights in the European Union since Latvia's accession*, *Jurista Vārds*, 30 April 2024, Nr. 18/19 (1336/1337)

*Life*, *Jurista Vārds*, 15 February 2022, Nr.7 (1221)

*Judgment of the Court of Justice in the case of Iļmārs Rimšēvičs*, *Jurista Vārds*, 5 March 2019, Nr.9 (1067)

*Trademark law topical issues (Actualités en matière du droit des marques)*, *Les revues LexisNexis Communication commerce électronique*, October 2018, Nr 10 (ISSN 1292-8682)

*20 years of Latvia's participation in the European Convention on Human Rights. A critical appraisal* (in Latvian), *Jurista Vārds*, 16 May 2017, Nr 21 (975).

*Ways to improve legislative work in Latvia* (in Latvian), *Jurista Vārds*, 11 October 2016, Nr 41 (944).

*Some remarks concerning the Istanbul Convention* (in Latvian), *Jurista Vārds*, 7 June 2016, Nr 23 (926).

**Presentations at international conferences (selection)**

*Rights and obligations of civil servants and agents: update on recent case law*, Annual Conference on EU Civil Service Law, European Institute of Public Administration, 4-5 December 2023

*Damage Claims and Recent developments in energy law*, Competition Law Conference 2022, University of Latvia, 27 May 2022

*Principle of Good Administration, a Point of Convergence*, Rīga Graduate School of Law, Jean Monnet Conference on Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights, 20-21 June 2019

*"European values à la carte? Who should have the right to choose?"*, Rīga Graduate School of Law, Jean Monnet Conference on Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights, 25-26 April 2019

*The limits of competence – a review of the daily practice of the EU General Court in intellectual property cases (Limites de compétence – une visite de la pratique quotidienne du Tribunal de l'UE dans les affaires de la propriété intellectuelle)*, Association Benelux pour le droit des marques et modèles (BMM) conference, Clervaux, Luxembourg, 29-30 November 2018

*The role of the CJEU in shaping and enforcing EU criminal law*, Legal Experts Advisory Panel (LEAP) Workshop on EU litigation, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 19-20 November 2018

*The challenges that Latvia is facing in the European Union context*, IV World Congress of Latvian Lawyers, Rīga, Latvia, 19-20 June 2018

*Mutual influence between French and EU intellectual property law (Influences mutuelles du droit français et du droit européen de la propriété intellectuelle)*, The Role of the Paris Court of Appeal in Adjudicating Intellectual Property Cases, Paris, France, 24 May 2018

*Debate on the EU trademark regulatory reform*, the Tenth Judges Symposium, EU Intellectual Property Office, Alicante, Spain, 9-10 November 2017.

*Current challenges in the area of fundamental rights in the European Union and Europe*, Conference dedicated to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Latvia's participation in the European Convention on Human Rights, Rīga, Latvia, 19 May 2017

*Recent CJEU jurisprudence in criminal cross-border cases: pre-trial detention, the European Arrest Warrant and 'third country' extradition*, LEAP (Legal Experts Advisory Panel) Annual Conference, Athens, Greece, 3-4 March 2017.

**Presentations at international conferences (selection continued)**

*Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice on the effective access to justice, Ensuring cross-border justice in the EU*, Bratislava, Slovakia, 9 November 2016 <http://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2016/sharing-information-cross-border-justice-eu>

*How might the ECI better fulfil its promise of participatory democracy?* The European Citizens' Initiative and the Promise of Participatory Democracy (conference), Council of the European Union, Brussels, Belgium, 16 June 2015.

Making Brussels' lobbying fully transparent – A debate on the future of the EU lobby transparency register, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium, 23 April 2015.

European Citizens' Initiative Day 2015: Review, Renew, Reset! The European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels, Belgium, 13 April 2015.

*Practical aspects of the cooperation between the Council of Europe and the European Union, Working together for Europe. Interrelations between the Council of Europe, European Union and Member States, Conference of Legal Experts organized by the Austrian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe*, Vienna, Austria, 15 November 2013.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

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Distinctions On 16 March 2011 I was awarded with a State Decoration: the Cross of Recognition.

On 8 September 2015 I was awarded by the Government with a certificate of appreciation for the work done during the Presidency.